

Chairman Genachowski and whomever this may concern at the FCC,

I'm certain your agency has received lots of fiction by incumbent duopoly cable and phone ISPs about so called dangers of Net Neutrality rules of nondiscrimination and how regulation can harm their efforts to close The U.S's Digital Divide even though their own policies contributed to the creation and expansion of the Digital Divide during the Bush Cheney years. I myself have submitted a number of public comments concerning Net Neutrality, Broadband market practices, why we need wholesale open access for cellular phones to choose our phones and carrier separately (so we can choose our carrier based on the merits of its service not which phones it offers) and the National Broadband Plan over the past several months. Since the unfortunate Appeals Court ruling in Comcast v. FCC I've been urging you in updated comment docket filings to reclassify broadband a telecommunications service to reassert the agency's authority to regulate the Internet and protect consumers.

I submit that an Open Internet is essential to the American way of life for commerce, communication and accessing information online. I urge you to protect Net Neutrality as you work towards implementing the National Broadband Plan (NBP), and require ISPs to make high speed Internet access more affordable over time. I urge you to visit SaveTheInternet.com and InternetForEveryone.org and read the policy suggestions by public interest lobbying group Free Press.Net. Unlike corporate lobbyists Free Press a media reform watchdog group works on behalf of the public and fights for wholesale open access on cellular phones so we can choose our carriers and phones independently -- thus choosing the networks of our choice based on the merits of the carrier's service. Not which carrier has the best new phone exclusively available on their network but how good is service by that carrier.

I also urge you to act quickly and decisively. Don't wait too long. You've been accepting public comments since last year when the Obama Administration took office. That's fine and all but this November is an election year for Congress and in 2012 another Presidential election year is coming. If you wait too long to act you risk endangering your legacy. Yes reclassifying broadband and more tightly regulating it will prompt the incumbents to fight back more in the courts and a big legal battle may ensue but it is better for the FCC to protect the public than give in to the telcos and cable ISPs whim.

We need the open Internet to stay open and to bridge The Digital Divide by forcing ISPs to deploy in unserved areas or to allow cities to deploy their own Internet services if they choose to and to offer affordable prices so even in areas with access enough consumers can afford to pay for it and access the Internet.

With the help of Internet activists President Barack Obama was elected President. He utilized the help and power of online activists in groups like Moveon.org, [Progressive Future.org](http://ProgressiveFuture.org), VoteVets.org,

and yes ColorofChange.org.

Net Neutrality is not a conservative or liberal progressive issue. Even the religiously conservative Christian Coalition has come out in favor of Net Neutrality. In the lead-up to the 2008 Presidential election they teamed up with an unlikely ally the liberal MoveOn.org on a petition to save Net Neutrality and the Open Internet. They published an essay on their website at the time for the Conservative Case to protect Net Neutrality.

You know when Congress was trying to pass health insurance reform this time before they did it there was so much misinformation on FOX News and by conservative commentators on talk radio -- so much anti health reform corporate propaganda by The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and lobbyists for the health insurance industry that even when it passed they succeeded in tricking some people that its passage would be a terrible thing and some people were so upset and disturbed and bought dangerous rhetoric by the Right that they decided to leave threatening messages to members of Congress who voted to pass health insurance reform.

On financial reform some Republicans tried to lie about it too but their attempts fell apart when a few Republicans like Senator Corker did not buy into the talking points by GOP party leaders in the Senate and House. Last night on FOX News Bill O Reilly admitted while he is concerned with big government and is often distrustful of them there needs to be some oversight of the financial services industry and the bankers who caused the financial crisis in September 2008 and defrauded many people need to be held accountable and only the federal government can do that. As much as he distrusts big government only the feds can pass financial reform and deal with these issues. State regulators if allowed by the Feds could possibly bring enforcement actions against national banks that break state financial laws but Mr. O Reilly didn't mention this. Nevertheless, even to allow this -- a federal agency during the Bush years inside the Treasury Department interfered with state regulators ability to do this. In order for the states to be able to do this they have to be given the authority under a federal financial reform bill to bring such enforcement actions against national banks.

On broadband regulation and Net Neutrality as much as I understand the concerns of big government and not wanting too much government regulation I would not want corporate interference by my ISP with my ability to access the legal websites, content and services of my choice. Mr. O Reilly in making the comment he did yesterday 4/20/2010 on FOX News was not doing the usual crazy talk you expect from FOX News commentators lately he voiced his opinion as concerned with government being too big but was reasonable and not telling lies or spreading misinformation that Wall Street reform would harm consumers or allow perpetual bailouts. Rather than defending Wall Street commercial and investment bankers with bogus accusations and lies to debunk financial reform he said he has some legit doubts and concerns with the Feds handling this but at the same time

acknowledges it needs to be done.

Likewise regardless of all the lies by incumbent ISPs that Net Neutrality is harmful to business investment and will harm efforts to close The Digital Divide which is a lie it is essential we have some rules to protect the Open Internet.

I urge you to act swiftly and not take too long to implement your policies. Craft strong Net Neutrality rules by the end of summer 2010 (by the end of this summer and begin enforcing/implementing them) also begin implementation ASAP of the National Broadband Plan and reclassify broadband a telecommunications service asap.